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DRIVE SYSTEM

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed December 2,  
2005. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: